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TITLE:

RAISABLE PLATFORM FOR STATIONARY BIKES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATT: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of this patent application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7 and 8 as follows:

7. (Amended) Raisable platform for stationary bicycles, according to claim 1, characterized because these means of raising consist of pincers (6), in an inclined layout, with opposing mouths (6.1) and with lips (6.2) and (6.3) that mutually self-embed in pairs, activated by the axle (7.1) that is extended, and extendible by screwing action of the motor (7), through the hinge of one of the pincers (6) with free passage to the rounded tubular housing, secured in the hinge of the opposite pincer, whose screwed position determines the opening of the opposing mouths (6.1) of both pincers (6).

8. (Amended) Raisable platform for stationary bicycles, according to claim 1, characterized because the lips (6.2) of the pincers (6) are joined to a "U" (8.1) of the core of a forward support bridge (8), bolted to bolts (9.1) that slide along the guide (9.2) of the forward edge (9) of the frame, preferably of aluminum; an inclined metal strip (10) fixed at the edge of the base plate (1.1) complementing this support.

A marked-up version is shown as Exhibit A.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the multiple dependency of claims 7 and 8 has been removed so as to avoid the surcharge associated therewith. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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Enclosure:

Exhibit A

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EXHIBIT A

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS 7 AND 8

- 7. (Amended) Raisable platform for stationary bicycles, according to [the previous claim] claim 1, characterized because these means of raising consist of pincers (6), in an inclined layout, with opposing mouths (6.1) and with lips (6.2) and (6.3) that mutually self-embed in pairs, activated by the axle (7.1) that is extended, and extendible by screwing action of the motor (7), through the hinge of one of the pincers (6) with free passage to the rounded tubular housing, secured in the hinge of the opposite pincer, whose screwed position determines the opening of the opposing mouths (6.1) of both pincers (6).
- 8. (Amended) Raisable platform for stationary bicycles, according to [the previous claims] <u>claim 1</u>, characterized because the lips (6.2) of the pincers (6) are joined to a "U" (8.1) of the core of a forward support bridge (8), bolted to bolts (9.1) that slide along the guide (9.2) of the forward edge (9) of the frame, preferably of aluminum; an inclined metal strip (10) fixed at the edge of the base plate (1.1) complementing this support.